MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) The President of the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, has reported that the lanes referred to are being swept and scavenged by the Municipality but that the existence of the channel renders the lanes insanitary.

(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(2) The matter will be considered.

Road from Vazhutakad Nandavanam to the Timber Depôt Road, Trivandrum.

160. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the inhabitants of Vazhutakad, Trivandrum, have petitioned the Government or the Chief Engineer regarding the need for opening a road from near the Vazhutakad *Nandavanam* to the Timber Depôt road; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of the alignment of the road is under consideration.

Water transport from Kalpalakadavu to the south of Travancore.

161. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Are the Government aware that the public are economically and commercially at a disadvantage on account of the absence of a continuous system of water transport from Kalpalakadavu to the south of Travancore?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Does the member know that there is transport of goods going on between Trivandrum and the South?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Does the member know that transport by water is cheaper than transport by land?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): May be.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Is the member aware of the fact that what is called the A. V. M. Canal in the South was originally intended to take the canal from Kalpalakadavu, down to the south?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There was such an idea.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know why that idea was dropped some time ago?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The idea was dropped some time ago. Nothing was done. But in view of the abundant facilities for transport by motor car and the projected railway also, the question seriously arises whether the canal project should be further pursued.

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